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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
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 DUNCAN E. AKPORIAYE ) Atty. Docket No. 108495  
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 MATERIAL HEAT TREATMENT )  
 SYSTEM AND METHOD )

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Related Applications:

In addition to the documents cited in the specification, applicant wishes to point out copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/337,070 filed on 1-3-03 and copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/095,395 filed on 3-12-02.

This copending application relates to \_\_\_\_\_.

The inventive entity is the same.

The owner of the above applications is the same.

Initialing of each document after its consideration by the Examiner is now respectfully requested in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

			Akporiaye, D.E.; Dahl, I. M.; Karlsson, A.; Wendelbo, R. <i>Angew Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 1998, 37, 9-611
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